

CALL FOR PROPOSALS PANEL AND RUMP SESSIONS

The IEEE Microwave Theory and Techniques Society's (MTT-S) 2018 International Microwave Symposium (IMS2018) will be held 10 – 15 June 2018 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA, USA. IMS2018 is the centerpiece of the Microwave Week 2018, which offers technical sessions, interactive forums, plenary and panel sessions, workshops, short courses, application seminars, and industrial and historical exhibits. In addition, a wide variety of other technical and social networking activities including guest programs are offered. Microwave Week 2018 will also host for the first time the 2018 IMBioC conference (www.imbioc-ieee.org), in addition to the RFIC Symposium (www.rfic-ieee.org) and the ARFTG Conference (www.arftg.org).

Panel and Rump Sessions are an integral part of the IMS2018 technical program. Proposals for Panel and Rump Sessions on topics in RF/microwave areas which are particularly timely or controversial are encouraged. These include topics related to the IMS2018 theme, "Microwaves, Medicine, and Mobility", which highlights the contributions of RF, microwaves, and millimeter-waves to the fields of medicine and telecommunications.

Panel Sessions are one hour and twenty minutes long, and typically held during lunchtime on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Rump Sessions are about an hour and half, and are held on Tuesday evenings of the Microwave Week. Examples of Panel and Rump Sessions at previous symposia include:

- Leadership: How to Inspire Change
- Millimeter Waves – A Gateway to the Future
- Are S-Parameters Dying?
- Software-Defined Radios – Facts and Fantasies
- Commercial Viability of RF-MEMS: A Reality or a Dream?
- 5th Generation Wireless – Where is that going and what's in it for me?
- Doing Business in China
- Next Grand Challenges in Microwave, RFIC, Sensors, and Communications
- Wearable Electronics – Is it a Fad or the Future of Electronics?
- Silicon at THz Frequencies: A Reality or a Dream?

Panel and Rump Session Proposal Submission: If interested in submitting a Panel or Rump Session proposal, please see the detailed Panel and Rump Session Proposal Submission Instructions posted at www.ims2018.org. The Panel and Rump Session Proposal Submission Deadline is 5:00 PM MDT (UTC – 6:00) on 15 September 2017 (Friday).

Contact Information: Please submit suggestions or questions (not proposals) to IMS2018panelrumpsessions@gmail.com

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